

McC. Burleigh papers

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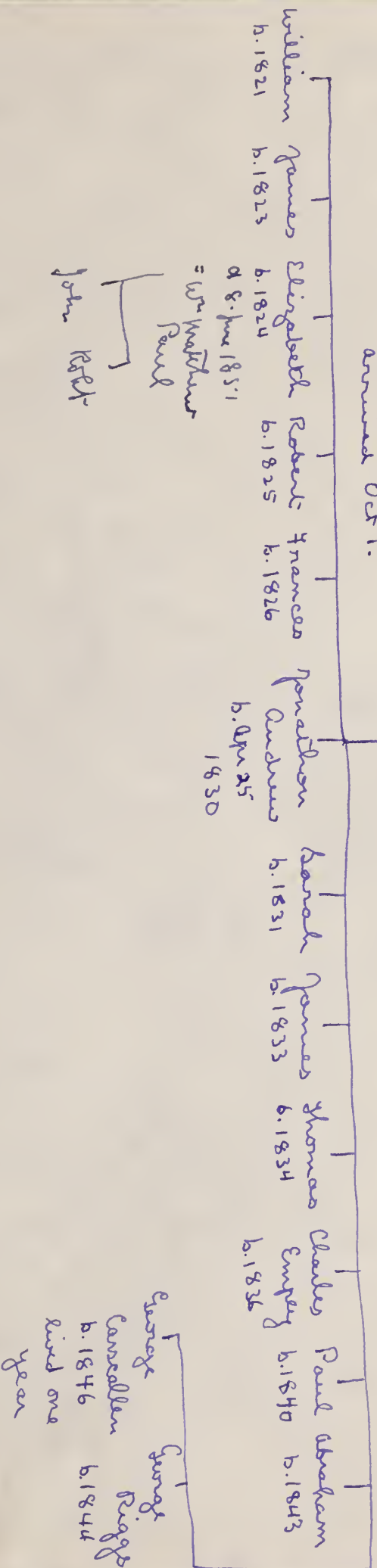
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Jonathan Wilde = married 1920 in Dublin  
Dublin  
sailed from Ireland with  
family June 19. 1827 and  
arrived Oct 1.







Census of 1851

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Camden Township

	Henry					
Wild,	<del>William</del> , former	Ireland	C. E.	46		
"	George C.	C. W.	"	13	conc. 2	
"	Thomas	"	"	11	lot 1	
"	Robert E.	"	"	8		
"	Anna	"	W. Meth	38		
"	Frances	"	"	17		
"	Ann Cor	"	"	15		
"	Jane E.	"	"	1		
"	Maria	"	"	4		
J. Wild,	William farmer	Ireland	W. Meth	30	conc 2	
"	Ann	C. W.	"	24	lot 3	
"	Jonathan former	Ireland	"	59	conc. 2	
J. " "	Jonathan A laborer	C. W.	"	22	lot 3	
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Burley,	Jonathan	"	"	6	(? conc 2)	
J. " "	Ann	Ireland	C. E.	49	pt 32	
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J. Wild	Sarah Ann	C. W.	"	20		
<del>Burley</del>	<del>Sidney</del>	"	C. E.	11		

Isaac Newton Carsewell 1828-1912

married 16 July 1861 Anne Jane Wild 1840-10.2.1925



## Lennox & Addington Marriages.

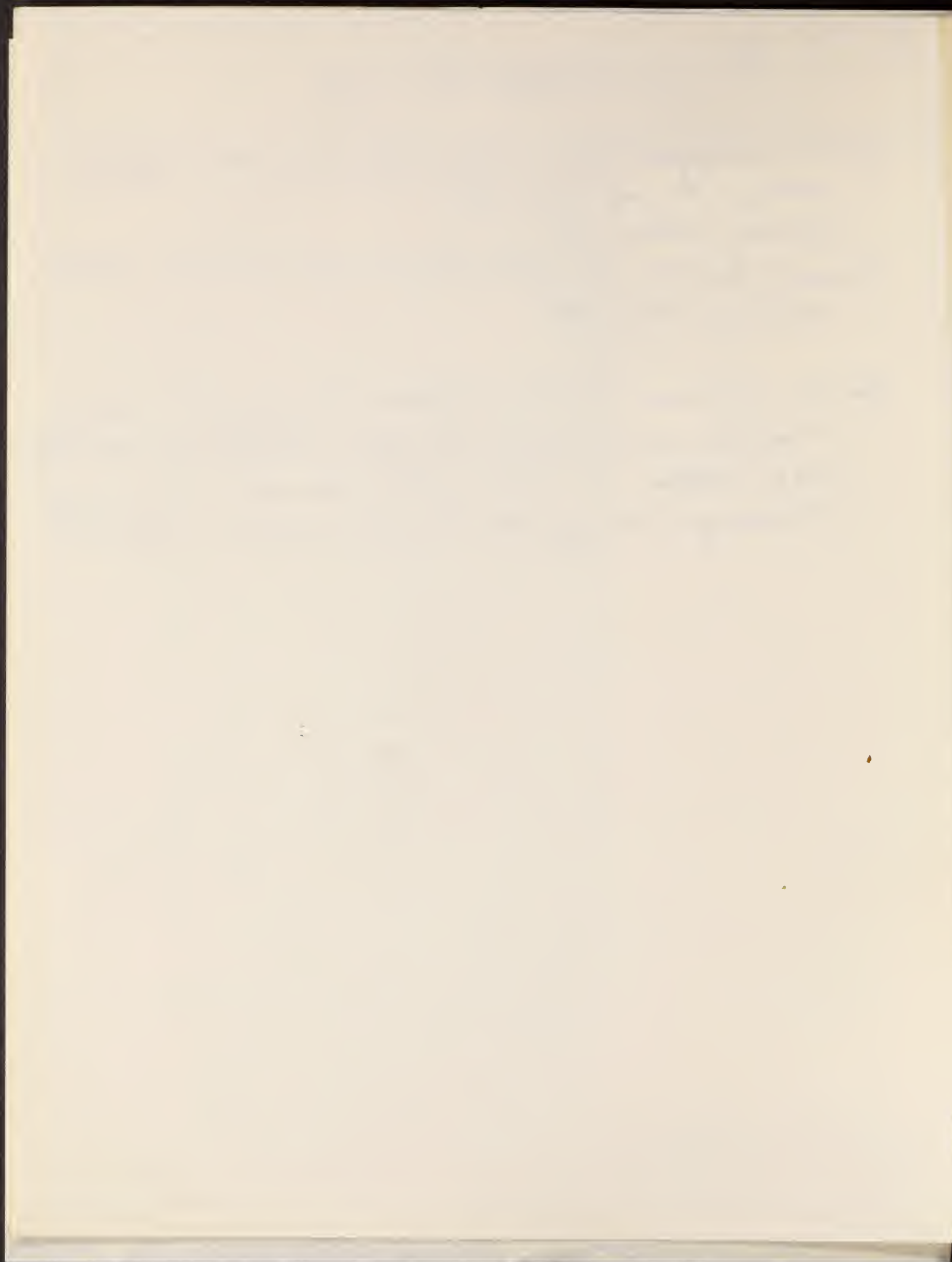
John B., son of John Wilde and Alice Walker, age 27, born in England,  
residing in Swaga Falls, N.Y.

Married 15 October 1866

Sarah M. Clark, daughter of Elias Clark & Julia A. Morden, age 23  
residing in Newburgh.

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John V., son of Samuel Dettlor and Catherine Empey, age 60, residing  
in Goderech, married Catherine Carscallen, daughter of Elias Dulmage  
and Ann Dettlor on 7 February 1867. She aged 57, and residing  
in Newburgh. (Query; who was her Carscallen husband?)





# **HYLAND INSURANCE AGENCY**

NAPANEE — ONTARIO

Feb. 16, 1965,

Dr. H.C. Burleigh,  
Bath, Ont.

Dear Dr. Burleigh,

Thank you very much for your prompt reply to my letter asking for information about Dr. Dier. I haven't passed it on to my cousin in Vernon yet, will do so soon.

I feel I should apologize to you for my cousin's rudeness to you. Maybe he had a bad day at the office. He is in the insurance business as we are, and would like to sell out and retire. He has given me a good deal of information about my family, so perhaps I might be of some help in giving you details you may wish to know. I don't know much about the Lanes. Annie Lane was his mother who married my great-uncle, Charlie Wilde—his second wife I believe. Uncle Charlie was my grandfather Wilde's brother, and lived on a small farm next door, but died before I was born (I think)

Thank you again for your trouble, especially in view of your previous experience.

Yours very truly,

*May Hyland*

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23 Jan., 1965.

Mrs. Carman Hyland,  
P. O. Box 133,  
Napanee, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Hyland:

I have your letter regarding a Dr. Dier who once lived in Napanee or Clarksville. At the same time, I note that you have solicited this information for a cousin in Vernon, B. C., whose hobby in family history.

I had a very bitter correspondence with the man from Vernon a few years ago, and I hoped never to hear from him again. At that time he asked for information on the Wildes. As I also was interested in the inter-marriage of some of my relatives with the Wildes and the Lanes, I suggested that we trade some relevant notes. Evidently he thought that I wanted his Wilde information so I might publish it--a thing very, very far from my mind. In any event, we traded some lusty blows, and I hope that his ego continues to carry the marks thereof.

I have looked over my Dyer file and find no mention of your Doctor. The Dyers came to Prince Edward County as Loyalists in the late 18th century. I suspect that the Dr. Dier was an emigrant from Ireland along with the Wildes.

I have found a few items relative to Diers in the old John C. Clark Diary, 1831-1864, which might be of interest to the nasty man from Vernon. Pass them on for what they are worth. Here they are:

1834, March 11--Mr. Dier and Mr. Wilde crossed the ice from Wolfe Island to Kingston and stayed here over night.

1835, Dec. 12---Mr. Thomas Dier's House burned at Napanee.

1851, March 17--Old Mr. Thomas Dier's birthday, being 73 years old.

1851, Aug., 15--Old Mr. Robert Dier, of Loughborough, died of dropsy--much regretted by all his acquaintances.

This sums up all references to Dier and, or, Wilde.

The Census of 1851 for Napanee and Loughborough might supply much more information on these families. These records are in the Public Archives, Ottawa, Ontario.

Please give my nasty regards to the nasty man of Vernon.

Yours sincerely,



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TO THE PRESENT  
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BY  
JOHN B. HENRY  
OF THE  
NEW YORK  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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P.O. Box 133, Napanee, Ont.,  
January 20, 1965.

Dr. H.C. Burleigh,  
Bath, Ont.

Dear Dr. Burleigh,

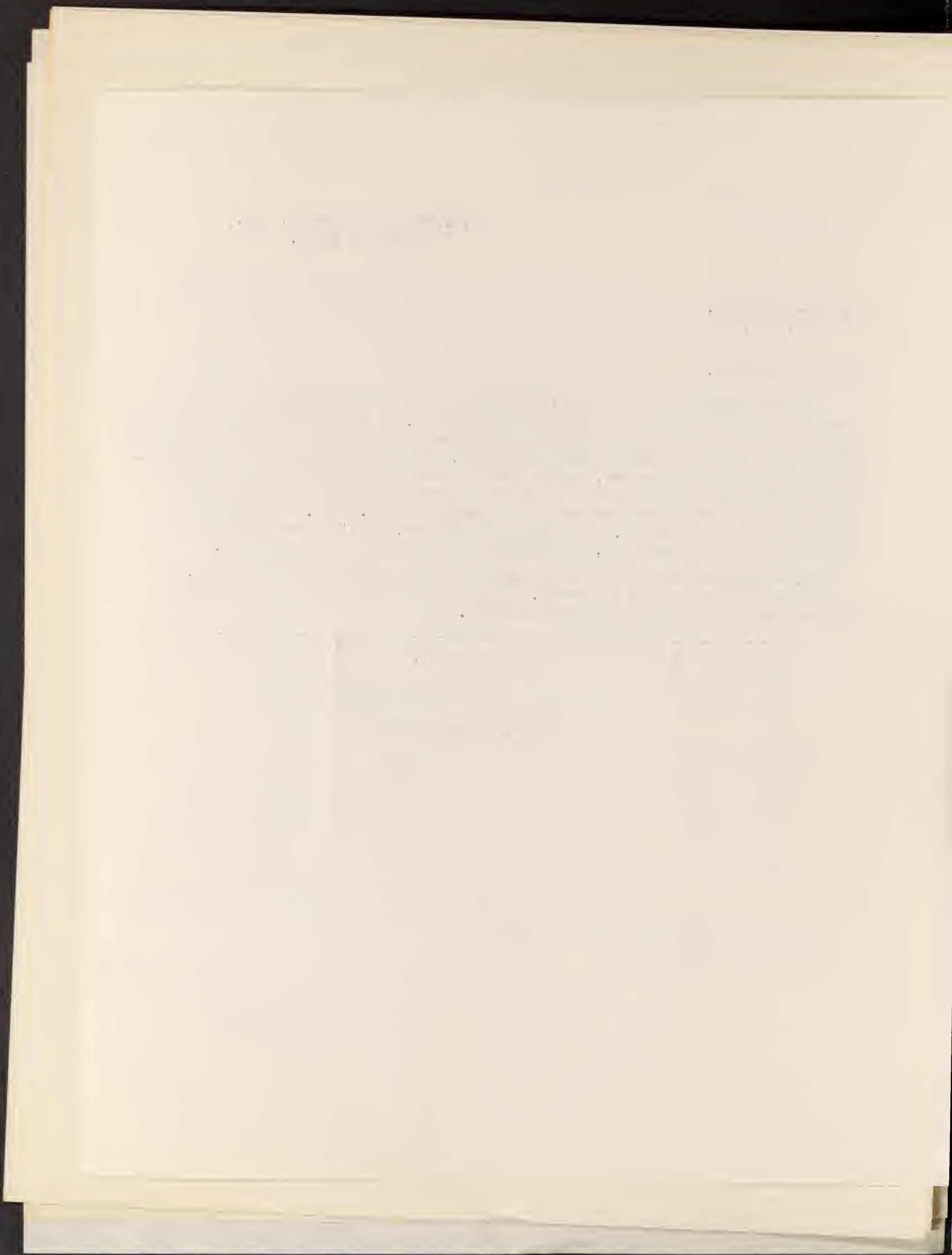
I am writing to you to ask if you can give me any information about a Dr. Dier who once lived in Napanee at Clarkville. Of course we know a few things about him, but the particular bit of information I want is the maiden name of his wife. Before I was married, my name was Wilde, and I have a cousin in Vernon, B.C. whose hobby is family history, and he has accumulated a good deal of material about the Wilde family. He says in his last letter that a Fanny Wilde and her brother Jonathan came from Ireland and she married a Dr. Dier. He cannot find out any further information, and when he noticed Dr. Dier's name in the Centennial History I sent him, he wonders if this might be the same man.

Mrs. Hutchison suggested that you might know the answer, and if you do, I would greatly appreciate an answer. I enclose a stamped addressed envelope for your use, and thank you for your trouble.

Yours truly,

*May Hyland*

Mrs. Garman Hyland





12 May, 1963

Mr. A. C. Wilde  
3115 30th Avenue,  
Vernon, B. C.

Dear Mr. Wilde:

I was indeed surprised to have your recent letter. I had expected that you did not consider it worth while to continue swapping letters with me. Perhaps I am glad that you did not, as we have just begun to recover from a moderately severe epidemic of Asian Influenza.

Your enclosures I am returning to you, as I cannot place them in my Wild and Lane files and still live up to your demand that they are not used for financial gain. As I told you previously, my files are open to anyone interested who comes to my door seeking genealogical information. As I told you, also, if that person writes to me for detailed data which requires extensive typing, I feel that he should pay for the services of a qualified typist. Nothing in my files is secret.

I am surprised that you consider that there is a source of income in creating genealogical histories. A friend of mine, one who came here from Michigan several years ago, has recently published a genealogy of the Embury Family, one of whose members started the first Methodist Church in America. She donated me a copy for my assistance. She also stated that she had copies left over and hoped to dispose of them at \$3.50 each to descendants who might be interested. She ended her letter by saying that selling all of them at that price would just be enough to pay for the publication. So, you must agree that there is no profit in that game. Still, you must agree that if you work for ten hours, let's say, you should have compensation for ten hours. If you expect to receive the fruits of labor you should expect to pay, with no strings attached. If I ask for swapping of material I do not expect strings attached to it.

I am enclosing some notes which I copied several years ago in the Public Archives, Ottawa, being items on the Wilds in Camden. I shall be sorry if you already have it. By the way, Mrs. Eula C. Lapp, 1455 Leda Ave., Port Credit, Ontario, is interested in the Wilds, if you wish to write to her.

Years ago I spent my spare time copying items from an old scrap book of obituaries covering the period 1880 to 1915. In it I found the obituaries of two Lanes, John, Sr., and the wife of Wm. I shall not copy them, as you wrote once that you had a complete file on your own family.

I am sorry that you could not identify the Lane who married my second cousin, Margaret, and went to Michigan. Actually, it does not matter too much, as my second great grandfather had too many--seven --sons, all of whom raised families.

You forgot to tell me where your wife served in France. Perhaps I knew her a thousand years ago. You see, I too am heading into the seventies. One of these days all my files will find their way to our local Historical Society, or into the furnace. In any event, I shall not care too much.

Sincerely,

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Received of the Treasurer of the County of ... the sum of ...

for the purchase of ...

Witness my hand and seal of office this ... day of ... 1870

Attest my hand and seal of office this ... day of ... 1870

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30 Dec., 1962.

Mr. A. C. Wilde,  
Vernon, B. C.

Dear sir:

I was greatly surprised to hear from you again. I was so sure that I had completely out-snarled you, leaving you speechless and too angry to spend a nickel for a stamp. I find myself in error.

I consider that we were both in the wrong. On my part I did not paint my side of the picture in clear terms. You are the person seeking information. I am the person supplying it. To you I am a complete stranger. To me you are a person asking me to spend hours searching through books and files and when I ask something in return you blow your top, and I am not referring to money. If I had properly explained my side of the question, I am sure that there would have been little or no disagreement. For my part in the affair I am heartily sorry. I find it hard to understand (unless I am becoming crutchety in my old age) why I mailed such a nasty letter. Actually, I read your letter, as well as mine, several times before I had the nastiness to send it.

You should try to understand my side of the question. For over twenty years I have been receiving letters from complete strangers asking for information about their ancestors. Practically all ask gratis, not considering that such work interferes with my business and free time. Admittedly I do get sincere thanks most of the time. But, nothing is fully appreciated if it costs nothing. So, it was on that premise that I decided that such persons would feel much better if they could reciprocate in some way. Thus, I gave much information thus:

1. If I were related to the person I gave gratis.
2. In other cases I asked that, if the inquirer ever published their genealogy, I should receive a copy as payment for my information, & time.
3. If the information was about a family in which I was interested, I asked for anything that would increase my data on that family.
4. In other cases, where I would be required to spend several days compiling, then typing a dozen, or more, pages involving several generations of a family, I would ask that I be paid in accordance with the usual research fees, feeling that in so doing I would be repaid for the many hours spent in copying material (in other families than my own) wherever it could be found. You may be dealing with one family. I deal with at least 800 families.

I waste these many words in the hope that you can see my side of the question.

I note your interest in the medical profession, your wife a nurse, as well as your daughters, and your son mixed up with vira. I may say that my wife, as well as a sister, are also nurses. I have a son who is a bio-chemist who took his M. A. at Cornell. I likewise was in the two wars in the Medical Corps, retiring as a Lieut.-Col. from the last one. If your wife was Overseas in the first war I may know her. I enlisted in 1916 as an undergraduate with No. 7 Can. Gen. Hosp., and served three years in France and England. I was in Etaples during the bombing and was present at the burial of some sixty medical personnel killed in the first raid of May, 1918. If your wife happened to have been at No. 7, I was the postman for the unit.

Now that we have both apologized, let's shake hands and put on some powder to cover our red faces.

Yours sincerely,



APR 17 1914  
NEW YORK

NEW YORK

I am greatly indebted to you for the loan of the book, and I am sure that it will be of great value to me.

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Very respectfully,  
J. M. Smith

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W.C. Burleigh P.D.  
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Dear Sir,-  
Generally speaking following the start of a new year-and until the end of April-we consider this a period of increased activity, especially in the Automobile Insurance field--Fire and other lines are more evenly spread--thus for the past four months, I have not given much attention to my hobby-correspondence has accumulated to which I will now give some attention.

On the enclosed sheets you will find information taken from my files, as applying to items 1 and 3 of your letter of Dec. 16-62.

In regards to item 2 of the same letter-dealing with a Lane that married Margaret Burley-I have no details--you mentioned he ever about their moving to Michigan--I have details of a Lane that left Ontario as a young man, and went to central U.S.A. and finally to North Dakota, and Minnesota-but do not have who he married--I am ever satisfied that my correspondent now living in California is a direct relative-as he has given me considerable data-which I already have-in regards to his ancestors, but unfortunately he has not told me his date of birth, (of his father) and who his father married and where--will obtain this however in due course-and if the name Burley or Burleigh appears I will advise you.

The details of the Wilde and Lane ancestors of mine which I am giving you--deal with the grandfathers on both sides of my family, I have all their descendants right up to date, and might just say they are well scattered in Canada and U.S.A.

There is one concession I would like you to consider-and it is--the information is not for any person or organization-who may want to use the same for personal gain--is this asking too much?

Any information that you may wish to exchange with me, will be treated in the same way-and with my sincere thanks.

Yours sincerely,

*A.C. Wilde*



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VERNON, B.C.

Dec.21-62.

Mr. H.C.Burleigh M.D.  
Bath, Ontario.

Dear Sir,-

I have read and reread your letter of Dec.16th. and also your previous one-and have come to the conclusion,that my first opinion after reading your first letter was wrong.

After due consideration of your first letter,my opinion was that you took my request more or less as a joke-as I find many do when enquiries are made in respect to ancestors-some feel that one is being very personal,and that it is none of their business.

This has happened to me on several occasions-I have been blasted, for asking. Now I see that I was wrong---I answered your first letter,in what I thought was a similiar vein.,but now from your second letter I see that I was entirely wrong-thus one should not form an opinion from a letter.

No apology is needed-you do not have to address me as "Your Exalted Highness" nor any other way other than just address me as man to man--and I hope within the next two years-if the good Lord permits me to survive,to call on you--as I will then be retired,and expect to spend some time in travelling.

If an apology is in order --I make it--now with out any form of reservation,no insult was intended I can assure you-as I have lived too long,for this to be any part of my nature.,and furthur you state that you are happy in the idea that you no longer would be writing to me-I trust that you will reconsider this.

Referring to your remarks about thinking myself a "God" this is in no way correct--I am just a human being-placed on this earthwithout my permission--and for the past 69 years have always endeavored to be agreeable-and just a weak link in the chain of life,whether a strong one or a weak link, I have always tried to see what was around the bend.

May I just add here that I always appreciate the endeavor of your--the Medical Profession--in all its branches-if I may call the Nursing Profession,a small part of same--my wife is a R.Nurse in B.C. (but not active since marriage)I have two daughters,R.N.'s and a son working on virus with his DoctorateDegree--my wife was cited by the Premier of Canada for her work in her pofession during the war of 1914 and 18 and also in the last war-one of my daughters followed the Surgical part in her profession and the other Costetrical-both being graduates with Honors.

Your imagination of me is entirely wrogg-I have no white vest-no gold chain,no pendant,no coat of arms that I know of-I do not smoke or drink-and do not consider myself a wizard., but on the contrary,I consider myself just an ord nary human being,able to eat,sleep,be merry,and happy with life-this latter having been good to me,through honest toil,and endeavor.I have seen a lot of this world,its happy side also its sad-and am quite happy now to think that the remainder of my days-will be the enj yable time of evening,bfore night.

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In the first . . . at the last of your letter-you state that you have pleasure to sign your name to this scathing letter--I think your better judgement will show you that you are wrong-I do not consider it "Scathing"--I think of it as just a misjudgement on your part, and your last PPS you state that you "Intensely dispise me"-if that is your belief after reading this over carefully and spending just five minutes some time-with yourself-you will realize how wrong you are.

On page 3 of your letter you refer to cost and so on- I am quite well aware of what it costs to obtain information- having paid up to \$4.50 per h ur for research work in Ireland \$2.50 per hour in Australia--nothing for one hour on one subject in U.S A.-but on second enquiry-a set fee, and \$2.50 for copies of any item required in Ontario, if available.

The reason I stated in my letter to you, that I would not pay you anything-was that some years ago I supplied information, that I had-and I eventually found that it was required for publication for financial gain-this against my nature--

I have found that information so far as Goverbments are concerned in Canada-very little is available previous to 1865 and thus at times I have found the charge has been high.

May I say I am zealous of my researches-and have given freely of the information, to my correspondent who have requested same, so far as it concerned their direct families, have not given any information, not asked for.

I think I should cloee this with a verse written by one of my ancestors, published in U.S.A. there are 4 verses-I will just give the last one--

Yes, I want to be loved by all,

To taste the bitter and sweet,

To see how his path is different from mine

And just at what bend they meet.

Without evasion or equication of any kind.

Yours sincerely,

*A. C. Wilde*

*owes something (other families than <sup>my own</sup> own.*

*maybe only thanks*

*" Trade*

*" copy of publication*

*" money*





16 December, 1962.

Mr. A. C. Wilde,  
3115 30th Ave.,  
Vernon, B. C.

Your Exalted Highness:

I grovel at your feet in abject humility. I am completely abashed, not to say put in my place, here at your feet. I would not dare to say to your face, but, by thunder, I can write it, thank God!

For years and years I have been trying to separate the sheep from the goats, genealogically speaking. For years all I found was sheep. But now, by thunder, I've found a goat. How did you ever sneak your way into that exclusive group of genealogists? I am amazed!

Please let me elaborate on my position, even though you never read it. It will give me some degree of satisfaction to put it on paper. I began collecting genealogical data in 1924--first on my own family--then that of the first families to settle in this section of Eastern Ontario. To date, I have about 800 files on families. In addition, I have many files on many subjects--parish registers, land records, military and subsistence lists, etc., etc., etc. I have thousands of obituary notices, bible records, newspaper items, etc. All of these, on my demise, will go to the Public Archives, Ottawa, including your letter, as well as my reply to you.

Since my arrival in this village in 1935, I have been the recipient of thousands of inquiries about ancestry. I made it a practice to reply where possible. I pointed out to one and all that my files would be open to them in my house, provided they wished to avail themselves of this privilege. At one time I had a man and wife in my den, a second couple in my living room, as well as a man working in my KIK dining room. You can be very sure that I hoped no one else would come that day, for there was nothing left but the kitchen and my consulting room.

You remind me of the man in the dining room that day. He was a retired Baptist minister from Los Angeles, who was searching material for a book on the Lake family. The first time he came I spread out for him my Lake file, of some 145 pages, as well as a mountain of books--genealogies, directories, military records. He stayed three days, had a heart attack, for which I treated him gratis. He returned a second time two months later. Finally he departed for California, thanking me profusely for my help. Two years later I received a notice from him that I could buy his history of the Lakes for the sum of \$3.35 American funds. I couldn't afford to buy the book. However, I have been informed that he mentioned me favorably in the preface.

Your Highness, in my mail to-day there came, in addition to your most eloquent epistle, two other letters, seeking information. One was from Miami, Fla.; the other was from a Mormon in a suburb of California. This was a typical day, except for your blistering assault. If I did such appeals justice I should be forced to give up my practice and serve eager genealogists gratis and live on thanks for hours and days spent searching lost relatives.

If you think that you are "amazed at the suggestions--never in the past 35 years of research in respect to the Lane and Wilde family tree have I been presented with the same." Then, to enlighten this poor,





humble, grovelling soul (or animal), will you please explain this quotation from your letter of Nov. 15, 1962, to my old friend, Mr. Allan Dempsey, of Belleville: "If you can supply any information as indicated above-and if there is any that I can give you---~~exchange~~ exchange would be a pleasure." Please, honored Sir, just what did you mean by that quotation? That, to my notion, will take a lot of explanation. In fact, it was on that reference that I decided to exchange letters. And now you wish to repudiate it. How come? It was not to milk you of your information with the idea of publishing it. This (publishing) is far from my thoughts, never having done any. It has been my practise to exchange information, mainly to preserve it for future generations.

And please let me inform Your Highness that you are not the only one to spend 35 years in research. I, too, have been doing research in other lands. I am the Genealogist of the Bay of Quinte Branch, United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada; a Vice-President of the Lennox and Addington Historical Society; a member of the Kingston Historical Society; member of the Ontario Historical Society; member of the National Genealogical Society; member of the Devon & Cornwall Record Society; but, why go on?

I am at present in correspondence with researchers in Ireland and in Scotland, as well as two in London, where a cousin, doing post-graduate work in Geology, as well as genealogical research. I can assure you that you are not the only person who has invested thousands of dollars in this line of endeavor. You do not join British Societys on a shoe string, nor do you obtain information gratis---at least I have never done so. So, please do not try to kid me about gratis correspondents.

It seems to me that you are biting off your elevated nose to spite your face. All that I really wanted was a sketchy ancestry of those members of your family who once lived in this area. The point which interested me involved the following:

1. The family of a Jonathan Wild who came to this area in the 1820s or 30s.
2. Ancestry of a man by name of Lane who married Margaret, daughter of Ira Durley. They later removed to Michigan.
3. Descendants of the two Weese girls who married Lanes.

I also had in mind supplying you with the name of one of our popular authors of mystery stories who is doing work on the Weese family. I also had in mind the wife of a United Church minister who is vitally interested in the Wild family referred to above. Then, too, there a friend of mine---an English Wild---whose father in the north of England, Northumberland-Durham border---has bible records of his family going back, as he claims, to the fourteenth century.

What a great pity that your mouth does not water. Human mouths do, you know. I have never met a God before. Somehow I imagine you with your white vest, a huge gold chain adorning it, with a pendant with the embossed coat-of-arms of the Wildes. There you sit in your gossamer web, brushing away the ashes from your snooty cigar, blowing smoke rings and rolling out thunder---a veritable Wizard of Oz





Now that I have replied to the only insulting letter that I have ever received from a person interested in genealogy, I feel relieved in that I do not have to continue the correspondence. Let me say that your reference to Easterners is beyond my understanding. I pass it up as an evidence of jealousy. For your information, I am paying my researchers in Ottawa, Washington and London at the rate of \$2.00 per hour, just as I am sure even you must have done in the past. Do you consider that I should spend hours preparing information for you gratis? Do you consider it wrong for me to agree to trade information with you? Do you consider that I owe allegiance to you as a Westerner, kow-towing at your beck and call?

Just whom do you consider that you are--a little Tin God to whom I must genuflect at your bidding? Come down from your Ivory Tower, Mr. A. C. I am free, white, and twenty-one years of age, and I can most truthfully say that in all my sixty years of life I have never been treated so rudely by any human, if you belong in that category. Honestly, I doubt it.

Yours in all sincerity.

P.S.

It has given me a great deal of pleasure to sign my name to this scathing letter. I also regret the necessity for writing it, as I am sure that it will not be able to pierce your ego.

H.C.B.

PPS

I am labelling this letter personal and confidential, as I would not like your hired help to know how intensely I despise you.

H.C.B.





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Dear Sir,-

Your letter of Dec.10th has been received today, and I have given careful consideration to your proposals, which have been presented to me, in regards to exchange of information etc, and must say that I am amazed at the suggestions--never in the past 35 years of research in respect to the Lane and Wilde family tree have I been presented with the same.

My research in the past has cost me considerable money, to say nothing of time, and it is not my intention to allow this data to get into the hands of any person, firm or corporation, for the purpose of making gain of any kind, either financial or publicly.

When it has become necessary to have searches made by various Government departments, whether in Canada or elsewhere, in U.S.A. or Europe, I have paid., and my searches have been made in Registrar offices of Births, deaths and marriages, Land Record offices and Military record offices--and I have some wonderful data in respect to Naval, and other Military records--the Medical profession in some countries--Legal, the commercial world and even data on some men who have been consuls in foreign countries.

I have personal correspondents--with parties throughout Canada from Halifax to Vancouver--in various states of U.S.A. in Ireland, and England--Holland and Portugal--and Ireland, even in Australia, just to mention a few, and these correspondents give of their time without strings.

In regards to the Wilde family tree, I have authentic data back to 1650, which goes back a few years--have authentic data on the Lane family back to 1800 and expect in the not distant future to have data much before that date.

I will now answer your 4 items separately,-

1. I am not too interested in the Weese family tree, other than as a side issue, two Weese girls having married Lane men.
2. In regards the Wilde family tree--I have pages and pages of data--the ancestors were very prolific families--10 to 14 children were common--not so high however in Canada.
3. In respect to the Lane family tree, I have in the past and more recently been in correspondence with some, who have given me data which is outstanding, in Botanical, Naval, and other fields.
4. You mention "other local families"; I am not interested in others., just deal with my own direct line.

Then you close your letter with a question--Does my mouth water etc---in respect to some data you have in regards obituary of some persons---may I say IT DOES NOT---I have data of all the Lanes in Canada, and their descendants, dates born and where--where and to whom married, children and deaths.

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The obituaries of John Lane and all his family-I have-in respect to that of Mrs. William Lane or Janet Weese, I have this also. and of his family--William Lane being by grandfathers brother.

So you get paid for your data--how lucky you are-you will get nothing from me, and it is the first time I have heard of such a thing-of course it may be an Eastern item--not common in the west.

In regards to your hiring a typist to do your writing for you that IS a tough break. I hope that the expense incurred may be a deductible from your income tax payable.

May I close, by saying that any information that I may wish to get, will be obtained in due course from my many other correspondents who give of their time freely, with no questions asked-I answer in the same way to them.

Exalted human or a degraded dunces  
grovel at feet  
Files To public archives when I am done.  
Crampton 7 3

Yours truly,

T. C. Crampton

Ivory Tower

no trade  
no pay  
repay with insults

Who do you think you are in your white vest with the gold chain, bearing your coat-of-arms, and your cigar at an impudent angle. It is those slysters, such as you, who think you own the world. Come down to earth Mr Wilde where the rest of us ordinary citizens dwell. We're not bad fellows when you get to know us.

You remind me of Crampton

You can visit me, if you feel so inclined. I shall put you at a table surrounded by 800 family files & you can browse to your heart's content. I shall nurse you through any sudden illness and send you on your way. But, please do not think of me as a slyster for not spending hours of research on your behalf. You're the slyster for asking it free of charge.



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Nov. 15-62

Mr. Allan Demsey  
P.O. Box 181  
Belleville, Ont.

Re Weese Family Tree.

Dear Sir,-

For the past 15 years, the writer has been compiling data on the descendants and ancestors on both sides of my father and mother's families--have found this most interesting, but at times a very slow procedure--more especially when data is wanted before 1865.

Satisfactory success has been obtained on my father's side of the family tree, and I have it back to 1650 in Ireland and England.

In respect to my mother's side of the family, data has been difficult to obtain, I have obtained some however.

Your name has been sent me by Mrs. Clare Weese of Belleville, Ont. as I had written her., the reason will be given below.

My mother was Annie Lane daughter of John Lane of Denbigh, Ont. John Lane had two brothers William and James Lane--they came to Canada with their father and mother Rev. Samuel Lane, from Ireland around 1858 or 59., and settled at Denbigh, Ont,

William Lane married Janet Weese Apr. 29th. 1861--I have a copy of the wedding certificate.

John Lane married Matilda Weese date unknown--but my mother mentioned above Annie Lane was born on Apr. 12-1866, and she had an older brother, one Samuel Lane. The above Weese girls were sisters.

I have just by accident found out the descendants of the other brother James Lane--he married a Miss Whitehead. What I would like to find out now--is who was the father and mother of the Weese girls mentioned above--when born, where,--when married--where, and when they died, and the place burial took place. The John Lane family consisted of 2 sons and 7 daughters--my mother being the third child of this family.

I obtained the name of Mrs. Clare Weese from the Napanee Beaver and wrote her.

In my school days I lived at Denbigh, and Havelock, Ont. but came west as a young man back around 1913--

If you can supply any information as indicated above--and if there is any that I can give you--exchange would be a pleasure.

10 Dec 1962

Offered trade of data

*Yours Sincerely,*

*A. C. Wilde.*







W. A. DEMPSEY  
P.O. Box 181  
BELLEVILLE, ONT.

7th December 1962

Mr. H.C. Burleigh U.E.  
Bath, Ont.

Dear Cousin Metcalfe:

I enclose herewith a letter which speaks for itself.  
I am unable to give Mr. Wilde any help because none of the Ameliasburgh  
Weeses that I know of married any Lanes.

My best beloved is at last getting back to normal but I fear that  
she is trying to go too fast.

Best wishes to you and yours.

W. A. Dempsey

